

**Minutes of the Southern Utah Veterans Home-Ivins,  
Advisory Board Meeting,  
Sept 23, 2015**

In Attendance: Terry Dunne (Chairman), Lloyd Laycook (Vice Chair), Chris Hart (Board Member), Donna Lister (Board Member), David Jones (Board Member), Jeff McKenna (Board Member), Ron Lee (Board Member), Mel Brewer (Resident Board Member), Jacqueline Peterson (State Officer), Jerry Olson (Nursing Home Administrator), Gary Harter (State VMA Ex. Director) Other Visitors: Cory Pearson, State VMA, James Dotson, Landworks Inc.,

Excused: Board Members Scott Smith, State VMA Deputy Director Dennis McFall.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dunne at 4:00 pm and all present were welcomed.
2. Prayer offered by Board Member Jones, Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Dunne.
3. Minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting read by David Jones. Motion to approve (Lister), Second (Laycook). Minutes approved.
4. Director Harter Comments: First time down for a while, and first time to see Guardian. All four in the State are running great, and pass each inspections. Starting with the State Budget Cycle. Recently briefed Kristin Cox who manages the Office of Budget and Management. Interest in helping at the Vet's home is at the highest levels. Continued Dialogue with Avalon. Also there are meeting 2 times a year with the State Officers two times each year to correct issues. Spoke about the Veteran's Voice magazine. Current issue about education benefits. CSAF Gen Welsh will be in the State in Oct to meet with the Gov. and work other USAF issues, to include an official ceremony to roll out the new F35s at HAFB. HAFB is the first Base to have these fighters, as they were also the first to get the F16s in the 70s. New group Military Affairs Executive Steering Committee. that consists of the Lt. Gov., Director Harter, MG Burton, Kristen Cox, and several other state and community leaders—focus it to make sure that Utah remains a viable place for military opportunities in the future. Also a new Legislative Steering Committee with legislators, and other leaders, as well as reps from VSOs, education sector, National Guard, etc.—to take care of Vets needs throughout the state. Discussed that out facilities are at the highest occupancy rates of any state.
5. Resident Report (Board Member Brewer):
  - a. Past Activities:
    - i. Aug. 14. Red Shirt Friday Shoot (Picture of Residents in Red Shirts, provided in meeting packet).
    - ii. Aug. 29. No Flight Honor Flight. Video to see the names on the Memorial Walls. Good event for the Vets, but the Video was too dark. Residents received a Freedom Medal

- iii. Sept 11. Candy Bomber Event. This was the last performance Col. Halverson will give. Parachutes were dropped to children at the local schools and at the home. Gave a presentation at the home. Speech available at [www.southernutahlive.com](http://www.southernutahlive.com)
  - b. Upcoming Events
    - i. Oct. 10: Mardi Gras
    - ii. Oct 31: Halloween Party
  - c. At last Resident Council Meeting, Christmas was discussed, and it was decided to do a Sub for Santa event for a couple of needy families. Approved and will be presented for final approval.
  - d. A Calendar was provided in the meeting Packet
- 6. Presentation on a Landscape Design for the basic landscaping of the Veterans Memorial Park by James Dotson, Landworks, Inc.: Referring to the title of Veterans Memorial Walk. Provided an initial plan with a walkway with monuments for each of the Wars. The water feature would be recyclable, so as not to need a constant supply. It still would need water for the vegetation and grass. Estimated numbers are \$13K for concrete and \$37K for Landscaping. Additional features and memorials will be more. The Block wall has been installed already. Discussion on the “purpose” of the park is to provide a place to visit for residents, visitors, local schools, etc., learn history, and to reconfirm the “point of a Veteran” (Board Member Brewer). Discussion to form a committee to help with the continued planning. Members who volunteered for a Committee are Hart, McKenna, Laycook, Dunne, Peterson, and James Dotson from Landworks, Inc.
- 7. Administrator Olsen provided the following report.
  - a. Current Census: 103 (as of 23 Sept 2015)
  - b. Total Admissions: 13 (11 from hospital; 0 from home, 2 From “Other/Skilled Nursing Facilities” as of 31 Aug 2015)
  - c. Discharges: 16 (0 to hospital; 13 to home; 3 due to expiration, as of 31 Aug 2015)
  - d. Interest list contains 25 individuals wanting “regular” care and 30 desiring memory care.
  - e. Report of Veterans by Service: Army, 37; Navy, 33; Air Force, 15; Marine Corps, 10; Coast Guard, 1.
  - f. Report of Veterans by Service Period: WWII, 37; Korea, 35; Vietnam, 11; Gulf War, 0; Peacetime, 13.
  - g. Financial Report: Aug Revenue, \$753,285; Aug Expenses, \$833,936; Aug. net income, \$-80,651; YTD 6,019,501; YTD Expenses \$5,622,455; YTD net income, \$397,046. Reasons for loss in month was an accounting error for payroll, A/C repairs and Pharmacy bills that were higher than usual. Not expected to end in the Red in Sept.
  - h. Employment Report: Total: 214 (Full time: 155; PRN: 14; Part Time: 29; Casual: 16) 20 Veterans Hired

- i. Hires/Losses for Aug: 30/16 (CNA: 13/5; RN: 5/2; Admin: 1/1; Maintenance: 0/0; Housekeeping: 3/3; Food Services: 26/3; Recreation: 2/2). Staffing continues to be a challenge. Working on new marketing strategy
  - j. Pinnacle Customer Service Report: Survey of 16 different areas. Considered “Best in Class” in 15 of the 16 areas. Laundry is the only area not in best in class. Food services is on a decline, but looking at it.
  - k. No update on the CMS Survey—there had been an expectation that they would come by now.
- 8. State Officer Report (Peterson):
  - a. New Refrigerators have been installed. \$2695 each/\$29,645 total.
  - b. Advisory Board Members need to provide a Picture and Short Bio for the Utah Dept of VMA website.
  - c. The new vehicle is on order and should arrive in December.
  - d. The delayed egress for doors that have only key pad is pending State Contract.
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business:
  - a. Discussed the upcoming nominations for the Distinguished Veterans Wall and Chairman Dunne asked board members to be thinking about their nominations and bring them back to the next scheduled meeting.
  - b. Chairman Dunne approached the board about possible change to upcoming board meetings and majority members agreed to change to every other month. He also asked Executive Director Harter if the day of the week Wednesday would work for him to be able to attend and he stated that between Deputy Director Dennis McFall and himself this would not be a problem. Upcoming meeting schedule; November 18, 2015, January 13, 2016, March 9, 2016, May 11, 2016, September 14, 2015.
- 11. The Meeting was adjourned by motion Doona Lister, Second Ron Lee and Chairman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm. Next Meeting to be held November 18, 2015 at 4:00 pm.